

WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT for RA/DRA Region 8

Week ending October 04, 2019

Region 8 Staff Present Training on Safe Drinking Water Act Regulations for Water Utility Operators in Laramie, Wyoming, October 2, 2019

Key message: EPA Drinking Water staff provided a 2-hour training at the City of Laramie Drinking Water Operator Training event.

- Subjects covered included an overview of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Disinfection Byproducts Rule, chlorine residual monitoring, and the Knowledge Retention Tool.
- About 60 water operators from the City of Laramie and surrounding areas attended the training.
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Region 8 Staff Presented Training on Water Security and Safe Drinking Water Act Regulations for Water Utility Operators in Cheyenne, Wyoming, September 24-25, 2019

Key message: EPA Drinking Water staff participated in a water security workshop and also provided presentations on complying with Safe Drinking Water Act regulations at the Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems' fall conference

- EPA staff participated in a day-long workshop and trained water operators on creating water security Emergency Response Plans.
- EPA staff also presented to water operators on EPA priorities, the Disinfection Byproducts Rule, the Revised Total Coliform rule, the Nitrate Monitoring Rule, and the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule.
- Approximately 145 water operators attended the training conference.
- EPA staffed a booth at the conference answering questions and providing additional one-on-one information to water operators.
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The Region 8 Safe Drinking Water Branch, the Region 8 Technical and Financial Services Branch and EPA Headquarters Office of Water will Deliver a Webinar on Reducing Lead in Schools on October 8, 2019

Key Message: EPA Region 8 and Headquarters Drinking Water Protection Branch staff will deliver the Lead Action Plan Webinar No. 3 titled "WIIN 2107 and the Revised 3Ts."

- Authorized under the Water Infrastructure and Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act Section, the Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Programs Drinking Water Grant creates a voluntary program to assist states and tribes with testing for lead in drinking water at schools and child care programs. The grant includes approximately \$41 million in funding of which more than \$2.5 million in total has been awarded to the Region 8 states (Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado).
- This presentation will provide a summary of WIIN grant requirements and highlights from the Revised 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Schools and Childcare Facilities: Training, Testing, and Taking Action.
- The webinar is open to the public and we expect attendees from various organizations; including state environmental and health departments, school districts, technical service providers, and public water systems.
- This webinar series is part of the Region 8 Lead Action Plan Priority Area 1 to promote protection of vulnerable populations.
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Public Hearing for Revised Draft UIC Permits for Dewey Burdock

Key Message: EPA Region 8 is holding a public hearing on October 5, 2019, to receive public comments on the revised UIC draft Class III and V permits for the proposed Dewey Burdock uranium ISR project.

- EPA will hold a hearing this Saturday in Hot Springs, South Dakota to receive public comments on its proposed revisions to two Underground Injection Control (UIC) Draft Area Permits and one associated proposed aquifer exemption decision for Powertech's proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) site located near Edgemont, South Dakota.
- The UIC Class III Area Permit is for injection wells for the in-situ recovery of uranium. The UIC Class V Area Permit is for deep injection wells that will be used to dispose of ISR process waste fluids after treatment to meet radioactive waste and hazardous waste standards. EPA is also proposing an aquifer exemption approval in connection with the Class III Area Permit to exempt the uranium-bearing portions of the Inyan Kara Group aquifers.
- EPA is also requesting public comment on its revised Environmental Justice and Natural Historic Preservation Act-related documents in support of its proposed permit actions.
- Similar to its initial permit actions in 2017, EPA expects to receive extensive comments from Powertech, tribal nations, and other interested stakeholders. The public comment period will close on December 9, 2019.
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